

February, 2017

Good afternoon,

District 100 is a school community that celebrates diversity and values inclusive environments that meet the needs of all students. We recognize that many students and families are faced with concerns and fears about the impact of recent immigration policies and assure you that our staff is committed to providing a safe environment where students are welcomed and protected. Last night the Board of Education adopted a Welcome District Resolution that affirms our commitment to inclusive teaching and learning environments for all students and staff. District 100 provides equal educational opportunities for all students and does not require any student to disclose information about immigration status. Our policies prohibit any type of harassment of students and support our belief that all students and families should be treated with respect and fairness. Please be assured that our staff is available to support students and families and we will continue to provide resources and make adjustments to our resolution and procedures as we receive further information. The district resolution is attached and is posted on our website.

Information has been added to the district website regarding the April 4, 2017 referendum. The District 100 Board of Education approved a referendum for the ballot asking residents for an increase to the limiting tax rate. The referendum will bring an additional \$2 million to the district and would increase taxes approximately \$160 per year per \$100,000 of the fair market value of a home with no homeowner exemptions. The impact based on a current tax bill of \$1000 is approximately \$38 per year. Please visit our [website](#) to access a tax calculator to estimate the impact based on your current tax bill. Upcoming community meetings are listed below. Please note these meetings are open to all residents and we encourage parents to attend and invite neighbors to learn more about the referendum. Election day is April 4, which is during District 100's Spring Break. Early voting begins March 20 and residents must be registered to vote by March 6 in order to vote in the April election.

March 2 – Komensky Elementary School at 6 pm (Presentation will be in Spanish)

March 8 – LaVergne Education Center at 9 am

March 9 – LaVergne Education Center at 9 am (Presentation will be in Spanish)

March 15 – Irving Elementary School at 6 pm

March 29 – Pershing Elementary School at 6 pm

As a reminder, The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) will be given to students in 3rd – 8th grades April 10th through April 28th, with the majority of testing being held during the first two weeks of the testing window. It is important that students are in attendance for PARCC testing. Please take this into consideration when making any plans that would require students to be absent from school during the testing period.

Please contact your child's school or the District office (708-795-2300) if you have any questions. We appreciate the partnership with our parents and thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Mary Havis